

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 284

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A RESOLUTION to commend Carl Lawrence for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a Giles County Farm Bureau Agent.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Carl Lawrence is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary nearly thirty-year tenure as a Giles County Farm Bureau Agent, Mr. Lawrence has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, when Carl Lawrence first came to Giles County, the Farm Bureau had approximately 1,600 members, two agents, and two secretaries; having flourished under his astute guidance, the Farm Bureau today boasts 4,950 members, four agents, and five secretaries; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Giles County community, Carl Lawrence has also rendered sterling service with the Tennessee Farmers Insurance Companies for a remarkable thirty-four years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the citizens of Giles County with their insurance needs, Mr. Lawrence has worked assiduously to better the lives of the people he represents by constantly communicating with his national, state, and local elected officials to promote legislation to benefit the residents of Giles County and this State; and

WHEREAS, he is renowned locally for organizing a horseback ride that included the governor of Tennessee at that time as a participant; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in DeKalb County, Carl Lawrence bravely served his country in Vietnam as a combat soldier in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after his tour in the Army, Mr. Lawrence joined the Farm Bureau and served with acumen and alacrity as an agent in Rutherford County; exhibiting an outstanding work ethic, he was soon promoted to agency manager of the Giles County office in May of 1978; and

WHEREAS, Carl Lawrence's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Lawrence is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife and is the proud father of two daughters; he also enjoys spending time with his four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Carl Lawrence is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Carl Lawrence for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a Giles County Farm Bureau Agent and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.